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In re Application of :
Stouffer, et al. :
Application No. 10/085,791 : ON PETITION
Filed: February 28, 2002 :
Attorney Docket No. 111483.1060C1 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b),
filed April 5, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **dismissed**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be
submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this
decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted.
The reconsideration request should include a cover letter
entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)."

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to
reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of
Application (Notice) mailed August 27, 2002. The Notice set a
period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the
Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR
1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified
application became abandoned on October 28, 2002. A Notice of
Abandonment was mailed on February 6, 2004.

Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now
provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a
petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application pursuant
to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR
1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In an application, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the **entire** delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(d).

The instant petition does not satisfy requirement (1) above.

The reply submitted in response to the Notice, the petition under 37 CFR 1.48(a), filed April 5, 2004, was dismissed on July 28, 2004. As such, a proper reply to the Notice has not been submitted. Accordingly, the petition must be dismissed.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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